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A crowd of about 4-5000 people, supervised by military officers, was having meeting near to the fountain of Pashtunistan Watt yesterday afternoon from 5-7:30 pm. There were a lot of speakers, but two of them, who talked more than others, seemed more important. First was an army officer on the rank of (Perhaps) Captain (but seemed organizer of the meetings, good speaker, and perhaps part of the brain of the new regime.) The Captain said "now we are free, everybody is free and equal. Before the Taskara (I.D. card) used to show the number of King's servants, but now it will indicate the Afghan nationality of the holder of the taskaras. The cruel kingdom regime doesn't exist anymore, and the country has its real independence now. In fact, King Amanullah Khan was the real winner of independence, but others had been declaring themselves as champions. The king made the country poorer and took whatever he could; but the country is not poor, because most of the mines have remained untouched. It is good that these mines were not exploited, otherwise everything would have been transferred to foreign banks. Moos Shafiq caused disgrace for Afghanistan in international community, he was no good for this nation. Marshal, the so-called Marshal cared only for personal interests. Now, this new democratic republic regime will solve the problems of the country. Everybody will equal, the Tajiks, Hazaras, Turkmen, Shays, Suni, Hindu and everybody else living

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in this country is Afghan and free. Hindus are also our brothers and they are more noble than those who have cheated the country.

I have got some good news for you that I have just receive, The President of Prime Ministry's Accounting Department(Dewan Mohasebat) and Berid General Akbar, former Deputy Chief of the Air-Force, have been arrested accused of spreading false propagation that Zahir Shah is coming back to Kabul, to attack and regain his power." (After each sentence there was an applause and horrah by the audience, everybody seemed happy.)

The number two speaker (most probably from the leftist groups) said "Everybody in Afghan nation is happy to see the new democratic regime in the country. The former rotten regime of Zahir-i-Kal (Bald Zahir Shah) had done every bad thing that was possible for this nation. Police, judges, governors, deputies, and high ranking officials, did oppress the poor nation. I asked one of the police today where you were on 28th of Saratan, he said that in Pale-Bagh-i-Amomi; I told him that you were perhaps hiding under the Pul(bridge)Arten like your boss the so-called Marshal Shah Wali who did hide under the Pul-i-Mahmood Khan during the war with Britishers. The rotten regime had assigned mad people like Abdul Asis as governor of Mazar, Ghulam Ali Ayeen in Kabul, and Saraj in Baghlan and Kunduz. People were fed up with Asis in Mazar, Ayeen sold all the aid-wheat and beds and other things given in aid for the poor hungry people. Saraj had once told the judges in one night-party that Shakra(a prostitute) was his God, the judges hadn't said a word to him but had jailed a young man for 10 years because he had prayed bare-headed. Now see these cruelty in the past, and see how good Moslems were they. The big enemies of

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the country should be executed including: Qari Aman (the owner of Afghan Store), Majid Zabuli, Washir, the MP's and those who cooperated with Zahir-i-Kal; and his pimp Rahim Ghulam Basha."

The above typed report belongs to Saturday, in fact, what happened yesterday (Sunday) is as follows:

Yesterday, the same captain, the chairman of the meeting introduced a General named Torak Khan as ^{one of} the champions of the coupe. Torak Khan said "I congratulate all the nation and countrymen for the successful new republican regime. I congratulate you that we are relieved of the old cruels and oppression. I'll give you a brief story of what happened on Monday night. The coupe was suppose to take place on Monday night at 1:30, we were told to paralyze communication about 20 minutes earlier; so according to the instructions, we cut the telephones and other communication lines of the whole city at 1:10, disarmed the police and took them back in our tanks, leaving the soldiers in their places. Then we went to the self-made General S. Wali and Prince to surrender, they ran to phones but those didn't work, they fired shots, and those were also rebuffed; they refused and their houses were gunned like cotton-wool." (he recieved a warm welcome and applause and hurrah)

Rumors say that 750 Khord Zabits and 1000 Zabits with 11 leading figures had taken part in the coupe. The US dollar rate is \$1 and some people would like to keep the foreign currency and some would like to run out of the country (perhaps those who liked or were part of the old regime). The military officers are trying to maintain the old rates of the essential commodities. Some rich people are not happy and they say that 70% people are not happy with the new regime.